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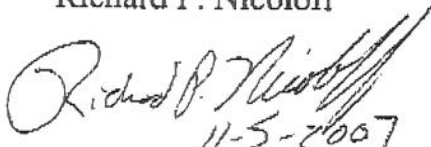
Attn: Docket No. 2007-OE-01 (Mid Atlantic Area National Corridor)

Dear Sir:

I am totally opposed to the designation of the Mid Atlantic Area National Corridor as a National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor (NIETC). I spoke at two of the Department of Energy's Input Hearings and addressed the lack of any Critical Infrastructure Impact Studies or Threat Assessments conducted thus far. The impact on the Power grid if a Physical or Electronic Attack on the power Systems occurs will be crippling and debilitating to the entire East Coast. Who will secure these power lines and the Grid? I know the assets of Homeland Security are **SPARSE** at best and Homeland Security is the Premier Department responsible for the Energy/Electric and the Building/Facility Critical Infrastructures. I was led to believe the Department of Energy listened at the Public Input Hearings. I would like to take this opportunity to request a re-hearing to provide additional input so a sound decision can be concluded. I know many people that were unable to attend the sparsely advertised Public Input Hearings previously held. Thank you for your time and consideration to this matter. Take Care.

Feel free to contact me at 724-833-0271 if you have any questions.

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